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A PERSONAL NOTE;

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. **I am much better now and I appreciate all the well wishes from my readers.**

The 2010 FOURTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Including First Supplement; Just off the press. Much new information; Cost is \$61 for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$51. Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

CONVENTION 2011: I have a limited number of special 70-page Convention booklets prepared by Martin Grams, Jr. It covers all 36 conventions. Cost is \$10 plus \$3 (\$13)

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it;-

RLL ON THE AIR, Spring; articles about Gale Gordon,; **RCA Newsletter,** Mar; article about Mercedes McCambridge and Defense Attorney,;-The **Illustrated Press,** April; articles about Jack Webb; Clem McCarthy; The Big Bands; Fatima cigarettes;-May; articles about Russ Columbo; Molly Goldberg (Gertrude Berg);-June; articles about Abbott and Costello; Red Ryder; Brylcreem;-**Nostalgia Digest,** Summer; articles about Gloria Jean; Andy Griffith; Philip Rapp about Eddie Cantor; Suspense; the musical, Oklahoma (this was a great article but I couldn't find mention of the title "Away We Go" which was used when it opened at the Schubert Theater in New Haven. Riding back to New York in the train, changes were made and the title Oklahoma was born);-**Old Radio Times,** Mar – Apr; articles about Rudy Vallee; Radio Research; Tex Fletcher; Stagestruck;-May – June; articles about existing Inner Sanctum Shows; Dick Beals; 10 Funniest people on radio;-**The Jack Benny Times,** May – Aug; as always, much information about Jack and his cast;-**Radio Recall,** June; articles about Pursuit; Magnificent Montague;-**Old Time Radio Digest,** spring; article about The Mysterious Traveler

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571;-Many books are from **McFarland** ; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media,** Box 1129, Duncan, OK 73534; 580-252-3547 <Bearmanormedia.com> <benohmart@gmail.com> **Book Hunter Press,** Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio);-**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing),** Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>

From **OTR Publishing**

Martin Grams

THE SHADOW: The History and Mystery of the Radio Program, 1930-1954

The Shadow — for the consideration of those who never heard a radio broadcast or read a pulp magazine — was a supernatural sleuth with a sepulchral chuckle. A detective whose success in tracking down criminals became a popular long-running radio program from 1937 to 1954, after beginning a number of years before as a ghostlike voice introducing a bone-chilling murder play that concluded with a sinister laugh. This 800 page book documents the entire history of the long-running radio program, with rare never-before-seen photos, interviews with cast and crew, and a carefully organized presentation of the facts. Through extensive research of original radio scripts, newspapers on microfilm and various archives across the country, this book is sure to please both casual and devoted fans of The Shadow. An extensive episode guide with plot summaries and an index enhance the book's appeal. 825 pages **\$30**

"For those who first heard The Shadow on the air when radio was young, this book will bring back memories. For those too young to remember the radio show, this is a wonderful introduction. For the collector and historian of old-time radio, there are facts here they may be seeing for the first time. For everyone else, this is a book to treasure."

—J. Randolph Cox, Editor, Dime Novel Round-Up

From **Mcfarland**

Musicmakers of Network Radio

24 Entertainers, 1926-1962

by Jim Cox

Print ISBN: 978-0-7864-6325-1

Ebook ISBN: 978-0-7864-8962-6

24 photos, notes, bibliography, index

380pp. softcover (7 x 10) 2012

Price: \$45.00

About the Book

Before television, radio was the sole source of simultaneous mass entertainment in America. The medium served as launching pad for the careers of countless future stars of stage and screen. Singers and conductors became legends by offering musical entertainment directly to Americans in their homes, vehicles, and places of work and play.

This volume presents biographies of 24 renowned performers who spent a significant portion of their careers in front of a radio microphone. Profiles of

individuals like Steve Allen, Rosemary Clooney, Bob Crosby, Johnny Desmond, Jo Stafford, and Percy Faith, along with groups such as the Ink Spots and the King's Men, reveal the private lives behind the public personas and bring to life the icons and ambiance of a bygone era.

About the Author

Jim Cox, a leading historian of radio programming in the 20th century, is an award-winning author of numerous books about old time radio. A retired college professor, he lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

From Bear Manor Media

THE GOOD MUSIC TRIVIA BOOK by Mel Simons

Product Code: 1-978-1-59393-694-5

Price: \$14.95

Description

"They wrote the songs that made the whole world sing." Anyone lucky enough to have experienced the music of singers like Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Rosemary Clooney, Barry Manilow and dozens more, will love the quizzes in Mel Simons' latest book, The Good Music Trivia Book. The Foreword was written by Patti Page

Mel Simons, a trivia historian, entertainer and humorist, has once again given us a book that will bring back wonderful memories, while, at the same time, providing

us with fun-filled hours as we tackle his comprehensive and varied quizzes.

Mel has been acclaimed for his previous quiz books which include The Old-Time Radio Trivia Book and The Old-Time Television Trivia Book and his books of personal conversations and photos such as Old-Time Radio Memories and Voices From the Philco.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

REPS Showcase XX, June 22 – 24, 2012; Bellevue Coast Hotel, Bellevue, WA; Contact 206-542-6231 for questions and details or go to <www.repsonline.org>

7th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Aug 9 – 11, 2012. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. **I will be one of**

the special guests: Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or
<<http://midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

1st "Celebrating Audio Theater – Old & New" Convention (CATON), Ramada Plaza Hotel, Newark, NY. Oct 12 13. This is replacing the FOTR Convention; For info contact Sean Dougherty <seandd@optonline.net>. web site is
<www.celebratingaudiotheateroldandnew.org>

SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 9 – 11; Hacienda Hotel, LAX Airport, LA; still in planning stage.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>; Let me know if any are out of date.

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription)
<<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglas Kosmonek>> new e-mail is <douglas Kosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>;- **Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>;-**Old Time Radio Researchers Group** <http://www.otrr.org>;- For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** <http://www.otrrlibrary.org>;-For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars,check out **OTRRPedia** located at <http://www.otrrpedia.org>;-**Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe>. **Peter Tatchell** <laughterlog.com>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <www.old-time.com/mccoy.html> **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-283-9770); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video**

Production (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856)
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 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347,
 Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard
 Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com>
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 NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> Danean MacAndrew, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA,
 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston,
 MA 02467 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one
 week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast> **Stu Weiss**
 <www.ramtownlive.com/pop shoppe>

IN FOND MEMORY: **Warren Stevens**, Mar 27, 92; Actor (Quiet Please; This is Your
 FBI); **Earl Scruggs**, Mar 28, 88; banjoist (Grand Ole Opry); **Frank Javorsek**, Mar 22m 70;
 bluegrass musician (hosted radio show on KCSN-Fm); **Mike (Myron) Wallace**, Apr 7, 93;
 journalist, actor, announcer (Curtain Time, many show from Chicago); **Garry Walberg**, Mar 27,
 90, Actor (Cavalcade of America); **Dick Clark**, Apr 18, 82; DJ; host of
 American Bandstand (DJ on radio in Philadelphia; tribute shows); **Gomer Cool**, May 4, 103;
 writer (Rocky Jordan); **Mort Lindsey**, May 4, 89; conductor, arranger, musical director (Here's
 to Veterans; Guest Star); **Joyce Redman**, May 10, 96; actress (Columbia Workshop); **Harold
 Baron Jackson**, May 23, 96; first black to host network radio show, broadcast in the 1950's;
Dick Beals, May 29, 85; actor (Gunsmoke, many others; voice of Speedy Alka-Seltzer; attended
 many FOTR conventions); **Al Gordon**, May 23, 89; writer (Jack Benny); **Ray Bradbury**, Jun 5,
 91; author of fantasy and science fiction. Many stories used on radio; **Ann Rutherford**, Jun 1,
 94; actress (Good News of 1939; Eddie Bracken Show); **Frank Cady**, Jun 8, 96; actor
 (Gunsmoke; Fort Laramie)

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 4 times a year. The first issue appeared in
 April of 1970; The first OTR convention was in 1971; The Friends of Old-time Radio started in
 1976 and ended in 2011

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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MID-ATLANTIC Nostalgia CONVENTION



www.MidAtlanticNostalgiaConvention.com

August 9, 10 and 11, 2012

Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, Maryland

You've heard about it, but what's it all about?

The Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention was started in 2006 as a group effort to keep *Old-Time Radio* and other forms of nostalgia alive. Celebrities from Hollywood fly in to pose for photos and sign autographs for fans. Some consider the event a three day film festival because of the nostalgic movies being screened 24 hours a day. Some consider the event a large nostalgia marketplace because of the 150 vendor tables. Some consider the event an old-time radio convention because of the re-creations and slide show presentations held every hour. MANC, however, is none of these. MANC is a *nostalgia convention* and it has proven a success because the crowd has grown in size between 200 and 450 people every year. Last year's attendance broke past 1,500! Courtesy of the charity auction, MANC also helped raise thousands of dollars for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and there is pride in knowing that our convention has placed attendees and fans above profits, in order to accomplish something more beneficial.

BIG NEWS! We are proud to announce that over 130 annual attendees of the Friends of Old-Time Radio Convention have pre-paid admission costs for the 2012 MANC. We are gratified to know that many of our friends, whom we see only once a year, are going to pay MANC a visit. We are certain that they will find MANC as exciting as FOTR and make return visits every year. MANC is proud to be one of the fastest growing conventions on the East Coast, and continuing the tradition of keeping Old-Time Radio alive.

As someone recently said, the lifetime of memories you get from attending a convention far exceeds the cost of admission, which is competitively lower in price than most other events. Everyone who attends gets a 48 page program guide filled with many informative articles. Everyone who pre-pays their admission receives a goody bag filled with DVDs, comics, posters, books, tee shirts and more! Everyone staying at the hotel (for at least one evening) receives a free DVD (retailing \$14.95). If you do not drive, transportation to the hotel via Amtrak is available and the light rail takes you across the street from where the hotel is located -- there's no reason why you cannot attend this year's event! We encourage you to visit the convention web-site at www.MidAtlanticNostalgiaConvention.com or call us at **443-286-6821** and we'll be more than glad to answer your questions. If this is your first year attending MANC, let us know when you check in at the front desk as this year we have a special gift for new attendees!



Celebrity Guests

Shirley Jones (*Oklahoma!*, *The Partridge Family*)

Van Williams (*The Green Hornet*, *Surfside 6*)

Jay North (*Dennis the Menace*, *Donna Reed Show*)

Jeannie Russell (*Dennis the Menace*, *The Birds*)

Tammy Locke (*The Monroes*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*)

Veronica Carlson (Hammer horror actress)

James Darren (*The Time Tunnel*, *Gidget*)

Robert Colbert (*Maverick*, *The Time Tunnel*)

Ron Ely (*Doc Savage and Tarzan*)

Sherry Jackson (radio's *Suspense*, *Make Room for Daddy*)

GUEST OF HONOR!

Jay Hickerson has agreed to be our guest of honor this year. Past honors have been bestowed to author Jim Rosin, actor Mark Redfield and Fran Striker, Jr. (his father created *The Lone Ranger* and *The Green Hornet*.)

Also attending the convention is Robert Daniel, grandson of Brace Beemer (radio's *The Lone Ranger*), with a fascinating display from Beemers' scrapbook collection!



PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Life of Gypsy Rose Lee

A History of Television's *Time Tunnel*

Boris Karloff: From Broadway to Television

The Metro Washington Old-Time Radio Club

Gloria Grahame and Film Noir Movies

A Celebration of Harry Langdon

MOVIE ROOM RUNS 24 HOURS A DAY!

Kraft Television Theatre (1953) with James Dean

Leon Errol comedy film shorts

Headin' East (1937) very rare Buck Jones movie

Telephone Time (1956) with Claudette Colbert

You Bet Your Life blooper reels, Groucho Marx

Box 13 (unsold television pilot) with Alan Ladd

Drive-In Movie Outside the Hotel Parking Lot on Friday Night!

Phantom of the Rue Morgue (1954) will be screened in 3-D (glasses will be provided)

Old-Time Radio Re-Creations of a "lost" *Tarzan* radio broadcast and
a 1942 *Hopalong Cassidy* radio script that was recently discovered and apparently never broadcast!

Charity Auction to help benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Tons of restaurants in the area all within walking distance!

FREE PARKING!

Admission is \$15 per person, per day, if paid in advance. \$20 per person at the door.

Why pay \$25 for daily admission like most shows charge?

Nearest Airport: BWI

Hotel: Hunt Valley Marriott, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031